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SCIENCE IN AMERICA.

THE annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science should be made the great scientific event of each year. We need special societies where students from the different centers of research may present and dis-

cuss the advances of a single science, and we need local academies where men of science working in different directions may meet on common ground. But more important than these is a meeting where all localities and all sciences are represented—a clearing house for the work of the year, where accumulations may be reported and balances adjusted. The conditions of science in America make such a meeting difficult but at the same time peculiarly desirable.

There is, indeed, no such thing as American science. We may regret that we have no school of American literature or of American art, but science is universal. It is not limited by language, nor by political and social institutions. We build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven, and our work is not stayed, though we have many languages and be scattered abroad on the face of the whole earth. But there is such a thing as science in America. We build us one city, but the stone and mortar must be taken from the ground on which we stand. We, who live and work in America, have certain advantages and certain obstacles, as compared with the great nations of Europe, with